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of a disclaimer of any such imputation as had been, without full consideration, supposed by the lamented author. Although grieved by that supposition, Mr. F. wished to offer to the memory of the deceased the tribute of that denial which the truth warranted; and he sought to do this here, because it especially concerned the American Philosophical Society to promote, by its influence, the maintenance of that comity which is proper to the intercourse of the friends of learning throughout the world. He did not purpose to discuss the question raised, as to the validity of the reasoning employed in the book referred to. That would be judged in due time by well informed readers. He had assumed no facts which are not stated by all the latest elementary writers on geology; and he was sure that a closer consideration of the phraseology of his criticism would have convinced Mr. Miller that not only in respect to his motives, but also in respect to the geological facts assumed, a correct acceptation of that phraseology rendered irrelevant the comments made upon it. Mr. F. requested that his disclaimer might be noticed in the next printed proceedings of the Society.

Prof. Trego, from the committee on the sale of the Hall, laid before the Society a certified copy of an act of the legislature of Pennsylvania, passed April 25, 1857, granting the assent of this Commonwealth to the purchase of the Society's Hall by the United States, for the purposes and business of courts of justice, and the offices and officers connected therewith.

The committee on the portrait of Dr. Kane reported that the painting is now nearly completed.

Stated Meeting, May 15.

Present, sixteen members.

Prof. Cresson, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Dr. B. Howard Rand, a recently elected member, was introduced and took his seat.

Letters were read:—

From J. Lawrence Smith, dated Louisville, Ky. April 28;

and from Hugh B. Grigsby, dated Norfolk, Virginia, May 1, 1857, acknowledging the receipt of notice of their election as members of the Society:—

From the Imperial Society of Naturalists of Moscow, dated 12–24 June, 1856: from the Royal Academy of Sciences at Amsterdam, dated Aug. 27, 1856: from the Royal Society of Sciences at Upsal, dated Nov. 10, 1856: from the Royal Saxon Society of Sciences, dated Leipzig, December 31, 1856: from the Natural History Society in Emden, dated Jan. 4, 1857: from the Royal Bavarian Academy of Sciences, dated Munich, Feb. 4, 1857: and from the Natural History Society at Altenburg, dated Feb. 10, 1857, severally announcing the transmission of donations for the library:—

From the Royal Saxon Society of Sciences, dated Leipzig, Jan. 12, 1857: from the Ethnological Society of London, dated Jan. 31, 1857: from the Royal Bavarian Academy of Sciences, dated Feb. 4, 1857: and from the Boston Society of Natural History, dated May 4, 1857, returning acknowledgments for copies of the Proceedings of this Society.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Nouveaux Mémoires de la Société Impériale des Naturalistes de Moscou; Tome X. 1855. 4to.

Bulletin de la Société Impériale des Naturalistes de Moscou: Année 1855, Nos. 2, 3, 4. 1856, No. 1. Moscou. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Die Urkundlichen Quellen zur Geschichte der Universität Leipzig, in den ersten 150 jahren ihrens bestehens: von F. Zarncke. W. Hofmeister: Beitrage zur Kentniss der Gefässcryptogamen, II. W. G. Hankel: Elektrische Untersuchungen. Leipzig, 1856–7. —*From the Royal Saxon Society of Sciences.*

Gelehrte Anzeigen: herausgegeben von mitgliedern der K. Bayerischen Academie der Wissenschaften. Band 42, 43. München, 1856. 4to.—*From the Royal Bavarian Academy of Sciences.*

Verhandlungen des Naturhistorischen Vereines der Preussischen Rheinlande und Westphalens. Jahrgang, XIII. 2, 3, Heft. Bonn, 1856. 8vo.—*From the Nat. Hist. Union of Rhenish, Prussia, and Westphalia.*

Nova Acta Regiæ Societatis Scientiarum Upsaliensis. Seriei Tertiæ. Vol. II. Fasc. 1. 1856. Upsal. 4to.—*From the Royal Society of Sciences, Upsal.*

Verhandelingen der K. Akademie van Wetenschappen: Derde Deel. 1856. 4to.

Verslagen en Mededeelingen der K. Akad. van Wetenschappen, III. Deel, 3 Stuk: Afdeeling Letterkunde, I Deel, 1, 2, 3 Stuk; II. Deel, 1 Stuk: Afdeeling Natuurkunde, IV. Deel, 1, 2, 3 Stuk; V. Deel, 1 Stuk. Lycidas Ecloga, &c. Amsterdam. 8vo.—*From the Royal Academy of Sciences, Amsterdam.*

Mittheilungen aus dem Osterlande: Band XIII. 1, 2 Heft. Altenburg. 1855–6. 8vo.—*From the Nat. Hist. Society at Altenburg.*

Kleine Schriften der Naturforschenden Gesellschaft in Emden. IV. Die Gewitter des Jahres 1855, von Dr. Prestel. 8vo.—*From the Nat. Hist. Society in Emden.*

Handbuch der Schiffahrtskunde: mit einer Sammlung der Seemans-Tafeln &c., von Dr. C. Rümker. Hamburg, 1857. 8vo.

Mittlere Oerter von 12,000 Fix-Sternen für den Anfang von 1836: von Carl Rümker. Hamburg, 1843.

Neue Folge der Mittleren Oerter von Fixensternen fur den Anfang von 1850: von Carl Rümker.

Meteorological Observations made at the Observatory of Hamburg: by M. Rümker. Hamburg, 1856. *From the Author.*

Journal of the Bath and West of England Society. Vol. I. New Series. London, 1856. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society: Vol. XVII. No. 5. March 13, 1857. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Flora Batava, of Afbeelding en Beschrijving van Nederlandsche Gewassen; Aflevering 181. Amsterdam. 4to.—*From the King of the Netherlands.*

The Terrestrial and Air-breathing Mollusks of the United States and the adjacent territories of North America, described and illustrated by Amos Binney. Edited by Augustus A. Gould. Vol. III. Plates. Boston, 1857. 8vo.—*From the Executors of the will of the late A. Binney.*

Journal of the Franklin Institute. Third Series. Vol. XXXIII. No. 5. May, 1857. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Institute.*

On the Relations between Chinese and the Indo-European Languages. By S. S. Haldeman, of Columbia, Penna. (Proc. Am. Assoc. Albany, Aug. 1856.) Cambridge. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

Report of the Director of the Mint, Jan. 31, 1857. Washington. 8vo.—*From the Hon. J. R. Snowden, Director.*

Report to the Secretary of the U. S. Navy, at Washington, of the Expedition in search of Sir John Franklin, during the years 1853-4-5: with a chart, showing the discoveries made in the Arctic Regions. By Elisha Kent Kane, M.D. U. S. N. (Geog. Soc. Lond. Jan. 1856.) 8vo.—*From the Hon. John K. Kane.*

Rapport de A. C. Buchanan, Ecuyer, Agent Principal des Emigrés, pour l'année 1855. Quebec. 8vo.—*From L. A. Huguet Latour, N. P.*

Mr. Dubois laid upon the table a lump of native gold lately received from California, and purchased for the Mint Cabinet. Its fineness is 926 thousandths; value $43.50. The mass is dendritic in its structure, and its form is extraordinary for native gold; indeed, of the innumerable specimens heretofore rereceived at the Mint, none like it have been noticed. There was not the least quartzose or earthy matter in the many interstices of this specimen when it was received at the Mint.

The following resolution, offered by Mr. Fraley, was read, considered, and unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That the President and Secretary be authorized and directed, upon the receipt of the consideration money, to affix the seal of the Society to such deed or deeds of conveyance as may be necessary to grant the Hall of the Society, and the lot of ground and the appurtenances thereto belonging, to the United States, as agreed to be conveyed to them by the resolution of the Society, and the agreement made in conformity therewith, dated the 22d day of March, 1856.

Special Meeting, May 29.

Present, twenty-seven members.

Judge KANE, President, in the Chair.

Dr. Thomas F. Betton, Rev. Kingston Goddard, and Dr. Charles M. Cresson, recently elected members, were presented to the presiding officer, and took their seats.